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1. Internal Security Corps (Korpus Bezpieczenstwa Wewnetrznego -- KBW) NCO school at Lublin. The daily schedule was as follows:

0600	Reveille
0605-0620	Physical training
0620-0635	Cleaning up
0635-0645	Morning prayers
0645-0700	Newspaper reading
0700-0730	Breakfast
0730-1200	Roll call, march to drill field or class rooms
1200-1400	Dinner and compulsory rest
1400-1700	Training
1700-1730	Reading of daily orders
1730-1800	Supper
1800-1830	Cleaning of weapons and equipment
1830-1930	Mass singing
1930-2030	Roll call and prayers
2030-2100	Taps
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2. The training subjects included the following:

- a. Political training. Two to four hours weekly were spent on this subject. The six-year Polish Plan, social democracy, Communism, and imperialism were emphasized.

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- b. Nomenclature of weapons and grenades. Five hours weekly were spent and consisted of nomenclature of the Carbine (Krotki Bojowy Karabin -- KBK) (Carbine 7.62), Rifle Moisin - Nagant M-1891/30, submachine gun PPSH, M-1941, light machine gun (Degtyarev 7.62), M-1942, Maxim heavy machine gun 7.62, mortar, 82 mm. and the grenades, F-1 and RG-42. I do not know where any of these weapons were manufactured.
 - c. Extended order drill and small scale tactical problems. Five to six hours weekly were spent and consisted of extended order drill by squads and platoons. Day and night attack problems were held against predetermined objectives such as, villages or farm houses suspected of containing hidden weapons, reconnaissance and combat patrols, ambushes against simulated partisan groups in forests or in buildings.
 - d. Close order drill and military courtesy. This occupied four to six hours weekly. It consisted of close order drill, military courtesy and formal parade formations.
 - e. Guard regulations and customs of the service. Four to five hours weekly were spent on these subjects.
 - f. Terrain studies. Four to five hours weekly were spent on these studies which consisted of map reading, military signs and symbols, terrain features, topography, and use of maps and compasses.
 - g. Firing. Two to three hours weekly were spent with carbines. Theory and practice of marksmanship were included in this course.
 - h. Physical training. One to two hours weekly were spent on this training which consisted of calisthenics with rifles and carbines. The cadence was at 32 counts per minute.
 - i. Field telephone communication procedures. One hour weekly was spent studying the transmission of verbal messages by use of field telephones. I cannot identify the telephones used as to type or origin of manufacture.
 - j. Engineer training. Only one hour of training relative to this subject was presented during the entire school term. It consisted of a lecture in familiarization with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines.
 - k. Chemical warfare training. I received two hours of chemical warfare training while [redacted] During the lectures, I was told about blistering agents, tear gases, and choking gases. I am unable to identify the gases as to their smell or name. I never had a gas mask in my possession. Gas masks were stored in supply rooms and were not issued to personnel in 1949. I have no information concerning gas protective clothing or its use, the tactical employment of gases, or details on gas masks, canisters, and pouches.
3. Instruction at the KBW school was presented by Polish KBW officers and NCO's and such training aids as blackboards, wall charts, pads, and pencils were used, but no training films were used.
 4. The diet at this school consisted of the following: breakfast; 330 gr. of dark bread, an unlimited amount of ersatz coffee made from barley or wheat, 100 gr. of sugar, and a half liter of barley or bean soup; dinner; three quarters of a liter of barley, bean, or cucumber soup, goulash or stew, 300 gr. of bread, and an unlimited amount of ersatz coffee. Supper consisted of a half to one liter of bean cabbage or barley soup usually containing a generous portion of fats, 300 gr. of a heavy, dark type bread, two or three potatoes, and coffee sweetened with sugar. Occasionally, each man was given a herring or some pork for supper and a bit of butter or marmalade.

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